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PAST KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

2016 **Keith A. Beauchamp** (Emmy Nominated Producer/Director)
2015 **Fredricka Whitfield** (CNN News Anchor)
2014 **Cheryl Brown-Henderson** (Daughter of lead plaintiff Brown v. Board of Education)
2013 **Carolyn McKinstry** (Survivor, 1963 Bombing Sixteen St. Baptist Church)
2012 **Kevin Gover** (Director, National Museum of the American Indian)
2011 **Dr. Lawrence Edward Carter, Jr.** (College Curator, Morehouse College)
2010 **Dr. Terrance Carter** (Author and Member of Little Rock Nine)
2009 **Dr. Doris McEwen** (Former Superintendent, Clover Park School District)
2008 **Mr. Carl Mark** (Executive Director, National Society of Black Engineers)
2007 **Honorable Norm Rice** (Former Mayor, City of Seattle)

LET'S TALK ABOUT ACTION

JANUARY 16, 2017

UNIVERSITY STUDENT Y CENTER // 8 AM

Keynote by Erin Jones, First African-American Candidate for Executive Office in Washington



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 **MLK Jr. Unity Breakfast**

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Musical Opening	Silong
Opening by Mistresses of Ceremony	Reesha Flavors, UW Tacoma Student, BSU Jareah Carter, UW Tacoma Student, BSU
WELCOME	Mark Pagano, Chancellor
Remarks	Derek Kilmer, U.S. Congressman - 6 th District
“Lift Every Voice & Sing,” Negro National Anthem	Led by Caleb Jermaine
Purpose of Event	Kynze Rogers, UW Tacoma Student, BSU
Spoken Word Performance	Christian Paige “Philisophical Questions”
Introduction of Alumni Speaker	Ngoma Howard, UW Tacoma Alumni (Class of 1998)
Alumni Speaker	Kiana Hayes, UW Tacoma Alumni (Class of 2008)
Singing Performance	Caleb Jermaine accompanied by Andrew Rupert & Cassandra Williams “Dream”
Dream Awards Presentation	Ashley Dickerson, UW Tacoma Student, BSU Esti Izuagbe, UW Tacoma Student, BSU
Musical Performance	Caleb Jermaine accompanied by Andrew Rupert & Cassandra Williams “Cry Sometimes”
Keynote Intro	Jalen Calhoun, UW Tacoma Student, BSU
KEYNOTE SPEAKER	Erin Jones First African-American Candidate for Executive Office in Washington
Closing Remarks	Black Student Union, UW Tacoma

NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.
God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

ABOUT ERIN JONES:

Erin Jones has been working in and around schools for the past 25 years. She has taught in a variety of environments, from predominantly African-American to predominantly Caucasian to some of the most diverse communities in the nation.

Erin received an award as the Most Innovative Foreign Language Teacher in 2007, while teaching French Immersion at Stewart Middle School in Tacoma and was the Washington State Milken Educator of the Year in 2008, while teaching at Rogers High School in Spokane.

She served under two Washington State Superintendents - half a year year as a Director for Dr. Terry Bergeson and 3 years as Assistant Superintendent on the executive leadership team for Superintendent Randy Dorn. She received recognition at the White House in March of 2013 as a “Champion of Change.” In 2015 Erin earned recognition as PTA Educator of the Year for her testimony in the McCleary case.

Erin left her role as the Director of a large college-access program in Tacoma School District to pursue her campaign for Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction full-time. Erin was the first African-American woman to run for executive office in the state of Washington and lost by a mere 1%. Erin has two children in college, one seeking to join the army, and a husband, James, who is a teacher in North Thurston School District.